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This reissue application is being filed by reason of the patentees claiming less than they had a right to claim in USP 6,255,646.

One error upon which reissue is based is that the original patent fails to claim the feature of the side-on type photo-multipliers now recited in new claim 7, and unnecessary limitations of "a plurality of image forming optical systems" and "a plurality of confocal apertures" have been removed in new claim 7.


Submitted herewith is a STATEMENT OF STATUS/SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS UNDER 37 CFR 1.173(c).

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Entry of this Preliminary Amendment, allowance of all of the claims, and the passing of this reissue application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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